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SUBJECT:SUGAR BILL HEARINGS

1. FOLLOWING IS UNOFFICIAL ACCOUNT OF PORTION OF FEBRUARY
19 HEARINGS ON SUGAR BILL BEFORE HOUSE AGRICULTURE COMMITTEE
UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP OF CONGRESSMAN POAGE.

2. IN PREPARED STATEMENT STATE DEPARTMENT REPRESENTATIVE
KATZ ANNOUNCED DEPARTMENT "NOT SUGGESTING AT THIS TIME ANY
SPECIFIC CHANGE IN QUOTAS." RE PHILIPPINES HE SAID THAT
REPLY RECEIVED TO OUR AER TREATY DRAFT AND THAT "IT APPEARS
THAT THERE ARE BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND IF WE ARE
GOING TO HAVE A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT PROTRACTED NEGOTIATIONS
ARE GOING TO BE REQUIRED."

3. CHAIRMAN POAGE LATER ASKED, SINCE "NO TREATY IS EX-
PECTED BY JULY", WHAT SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATION DEPARTMENT HAS
FOR PHILIPPINES. KATZ IN REPLY DEMURRED ON TREATY
PROSPECTS, ACKNOWLEDGING IT IMPROBABLE THAT AGREEMENT COULD
BE CONCLUDED BY TIME COMMITTEE REPORTS OUT A BILL. HE SAID
THAT DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDS RETENTION OF CURRENT PHILIPPINE
QUOTA, BUT THAT "IN ABSENCE OF AGREEMENT WE SEE NO REASON
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FOR MINIMUM QUOTA" (REFERRING TO SECTION 202D4 OF ACT).

4. CHAIRMAN THEN STATED HIS VIEW THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO
TREATY AGREEMENT ON SUGAR SINCE SUCH AGREEMENTS HANDICAP

CONGRESS IN SETTING QUOTAS AND THAT THERE IS NO MORE
REASON FOR AGREEMENT WITH PHILIPPINES THAN WITH MEXICO
OR DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. WHEN KATZ NOTED HISTORICAL BASIS
FOR EXISTING AGREEMENT, CHAIRMAN OBSERVED THAT THIS
SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP ENDING BY DESIRE OF PHILIPPINES.
KATZ SAID DEPT WOULD TAKE NOTE OF CHAIRMAN'S VIEWS. KISSINGER

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